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SUBJECT: LEASE OF HOUSING FOR C&R OFFICER AND RELOCATION TI
COMMERCIAL LIB.

REF: STATE 144349

1. EMBASSY REQUESTS AUTHORITY UNDER REF TO LEASE WNDITIONAL
QUARTERS FOR NEW C&R POSITION ESTABLISHED BY STATE 195616. ONE-
BEDROOM CHANCERY APT. PREVIOUSLY AVAILABLE FOR ABOLISHED B&F POS.
WOULD NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE BECAUSE WE PLAN CONVERT SMALL ONE-
BEDROOM APT TO EXPANDED COMMERCIAL LIBRARY.

2. PRESENT COMMERCDL LIBRARY TOTALING ONLY 374 SQ FT, IS TOO SMALL
AND LOCATED OFF INNER COURTYARD WITHOUT DIRECT ACCESS TO MAIN
ENTRYWAY OF CHANCERY. WE PLAN TO EXPAND THESE OFFICES TO 1170 SQ
FT, USING ONE-BEDROOM APT OFF MAIN ENTRYWAY. THIS WILL ALLOW SPACE
TO IMPROVE FACILITIES FORI
OMMERCIAL MISSIONS, INCLUDING EXPANDED
DISPALY SPACE AND OFFICE FOR MEETINGS WITH AND USE BY GROWING
NUMBERS OF VISITING AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN. LATTER IS PARTICULARLY
IMPORTANT IN VIEW CURRENT CZECH PROHIBITION ON ESTABLISHMENT OF
WESTERN BUSINESS OFFICES IN PRAGUE, INCLUDING RESIDENT BUSINESSMEN.
AS NO STRUCTURAL CHANGES INVOLVED, FUNDS FOR RENOVATION OF SPACE
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WILL BE TAKEN FROM REGULAR MAINTENANCE FUNDS.

3. FURNISHING IN APT TO BE CONVERTED TO OFFICES CONSIST OF MIXTURE OF STYLES UNSUITABLE FOR USE IN NEW APT.-THUS REQUEST DEPT. IMMEDIATELY PROCURE FOR EARLY SHIPMENT TO PRAGUE DREXEL OR SIMILAR 2-BEDROOM TOWNHOUSE SET OF FURNITURE. APPLIANCES CAN BE MOVED FROM CHANCERY APT, THUS FUNDS NOT REQUIRED FOR FURNISHINGS OTHER THAN DREXEL SET.

4. ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL FUNDS-SHARED REQUIRED BY QUARTER:

CATEGORY	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	TOTAL FY-75
2201	\$2500		\$2500	
2312	1500	1/500	* 3000	
2360	250	250	500	
3123	3600		3600	

5. BEFORE DCM'S DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON IN JUNE, HE WAS TOLD BY USDOC OFFICIALS AND OTHERS INTERESTED IN TRADE THAT IMPROVED FACILITIES FOR COMMERCIAL LIBRARY AT PRAGUE WOULD BE MAJOR STEP FORWARD. UPON ARRIVAL, HE AGREED FULLY WITH ASSESSMENTS HE HAD HEARD THAT PRESENT QUARTERS ARE CRAMPED AND INEFFECTIVE. AMKING APT. AVAILABLE FOR EXPANDED FACILITIES HAS BEEN PRIORITY PROJECT, AND HAS NOT BEEN EASY. AMBASSADOR HAS SUPPORTED EFFORT FULLY. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT PROPOSED CHANGES WOULD GIVE US A WORKABLE FACILITY HERE AND WOULD CONSIDERABLY UPGRADE OUR ABILITY TO RENDER SERVICE IN VITAL AREA. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S SUPPORT IN THIS UNDERTAKING.

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